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Islands, Castles & Portable Operations - I.C.P.O.
Operations are listed by start date (Day/Month/Year)
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11/12/2003: Hrane, YT1AD and Boban, YZ1AU are QRV as T30M and T30Z, respectively from the Gilbert Islands (OC-017), West Kiribati. Look for activity on 80 to 6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL to home calls. [Tnx ARRL DX news]

12/12/2003: Vlad, UA4WHX, will be QRV December 12th to 15th from Tubuai (IOTA OC-152, DIFO FO-125), Austral Islands. QSL to home call. [Tnx 425DXN]

13/12/2003: Look for Dov, 4Z4DX/m, and Eli, 4Z5NB, to be QRV December 13, 2003, from various grid squares in the south of Israel, in Beer Sheva region, for the Holyland award. Activity will be all day, starting at 04:30 UTC on 14.265 MHz. The following areas will be activated: H-26, 27. J-27, 28. K-28,29. J-29. K-30. J-30, 31, 32, 33. H-33, 32, 31, 30. G-29. F-28. E-28, 27. F-27 ... as time will permits. QSL via 4Z4DX (QRZ.com). [Tnx 4Z4DX]

13/12/2003: Claude, F5MCC/p, will be QRV December 13th from the Gurgy Castle (DFCF reference 89.250, for the French Castles Award) located in Gurgy town, department of Yonne, province of Burgundy. The contacts count also for the Canton of Seignelay (DDCF reference 89.28). Activity will be on 40 meter SSB. QSL direct to home call, or via the French REF bureau. [Tnx F5NQL]

13/12/2003: The A.C.R.A Guadeloupe ARS will be QRV as TO7ACR on December 13th and 14th from the islet of Gosier (IOTA NA-102, DIFO FG-016, LH 0142, WAZ-08) and Lighthouse (WLHA LH-0142, ARLHS GUA-001. Activity will be on 160 through 6 meter SSB and CW. QSL via operator's instructions. [Tnx F5NQL]

15/12/2003: Alan, 9V1DX (aka VK0LD and ex-VK0MM Macquarie Island 2000), reports that he will be active from a temporary base camp in the remote Ellsworth Mountains in the Antarctic interior (approx. 2000 km due South of Peter First Island). He is there supporting a team of scientists and mountainteers climbing Mt. Vinson (highest mountain in the Antartic) from approx. December 15th to around January 10th (exact dates depend on the weather for the long, non-commercial flight in and out). His old callsign VP8PJ has been re-issued for life by the Falkland Islands Govt., and he will use it exclusively on PSK-31. The Singapore licencing authority has also issued him the special callsign 9V0A which he will use for CW and SSB. Alan will be as active as his work schedule permits. QSL route will be announced later. [Tnx OPDX]

15/12/2003: Mike, G4IUF, will be back to the Galapagos Islands (SA-004) from December 15th until January 11th. He will operate as G4IUF/HC8 on 160 through 10 meter SSB and CW, with a better LF antenna if he can get the traps. [Tnx 425DXN]

15/12/2003: Look for Tony, PY8IT, to be QRV December 15th to 26th as PY0FT from Fernando de Noronha (SA-003). QSL via JA1ELY. [Tnx 425DXN]

15/12/2003: Special call ZW5SF will be aired on all HF bands from Sao Francisco do Sul (SA-027) between December 15, 2003, and January 15, 2004, to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the discovery of that island. QSL via PP5CIT. [Tnx 425DXN]

16/12/2003: Vlad, UA4WHX, will be QRV December 16th to 23rd from Maupiti (DIFP FO-008), Raiatea (DIFO FO-0012), and Bora Bora (DIFO FO-003 (all IOTA OC-067), French Polynesia. QSL to home call. [Tnx 425DXN]

16/12/2003: Setsu, JL1UXH (KK2H), and his wife Maki, 7L4FSR, will be active again as KK2H/KH2 from Guam (OC-026) between December 16th and 23rd. Setsu will operate on all HF bands SSB and CW; he plans to concentrate on working Europe and USA East Coast stations. QSL via JL1UXH either direct or through the JARL bureau. [Tnx 425DXN]

16/12/2003: Steve, G0UIH, reports he will be active again as VK2IAY/4 from Lamb Island (OC-137) December 16th to 18th. QSL via G0UIH either direct or through the bureau. [Tnx 425DXN]

15/12/2003: An international team of 20 well-known operators will be active as T33C from Banaba Island (OC-018) during the first two weeks of April, 2004. Six HF stations, three on CW and three on SSB, plus a separate 6m station and separate HF digital mode station are planned, with at least six high power amplifiers. They will be active from 160 through 6 meter CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK and some SSTV. If sufficient interest in satellite contacts is generated, this may be added. QSL via F5CWU, either direct (Flo Moudar, 25 Rue du Castel Salis, 37100 Tours, France) or through the REF bureau. [Tnx T33C web site]

17/12/2003: Jose, ON4LAC, will be QRV as 3B8/ON4LAC from Mauritius (AF-049) between December 17th and 27th. He plans to be QRV on SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via home call. [Tnx 425DXN]

19/12/2003: Bill, N4ZDL, will be active as 9Y4/N4ZDL from Tobago (SA-009) between December 19th and 25th. He will operate on 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80 metres SSB and CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx 425DXN]

20/12/2003: Jim Buffington, K5JIM (ARLHS member #150), has announced plans to activate two Louisiana lighthouses, both of them in the New Orleans area, on the opening day of Lighthouse Christmas Lights. The pair includes New Canal Lighthouse (ARLHS USA-536) and Port Ponchartrain (ARLHS USA-650). These will mark the 13th and 14th activations of 2003 for Jim. Tentative time of operation for New Canal is 15:00 UTC on Saturday, December 20 for two hours ... with the Port Ponchartrain operation PROBABLY beginning at 18:00 UTC. Both lighthouses are on Lake Ponchartrain. QSL cards will be available for an SASE via K5JIM's QRZ address. [Tnx K5JIM]

20/12/2003: Jim, K9BIG/p (ARLHS member #716), will be activating a few lighthouses for the ARLHS Christmas Lights QSO party that runs from December 20, 2002 to January 5, 2004. Look for Jim on 40 through 10 meters around 7.270, 14.270, 21.370, and 28.370 (+ or - depending on QRM, nets, other activations etc.) He is also going to bring his portable 6-meter beam just for fun. Jim plans to activate the following lighthouses: December 20th from Kenosha Southport Light, Kenosha, WI

(ARLHS USA-912), December 21st from Kenosha Pierhead, Kenosha, WI (ARLHS USA-416), January 3rd from Windpoint Light, Racine WI (ARLHS USA-894) and January 4th from North Breakwater Racine, WI (ARLHS USA-682). QSL via home call (QRZ.com). [Tnx K9BIG]

20/12/2003: Deacon Dave, W1MCE/m (ARLHS member #492), will be activating Portsmouth Harbor New Hampshire (ARLHS USA-662, during Lighthouse Christmas Lights. Date unknown but will be on 40 then 20 meters from the mobile. Total operating schedule is hoped to be 3 hours each day on 2 different days. He has a 1 1/2 hour commute to get there. All QSOs will be QSL'd automatically. Please don't send Deacon Dave any QSL cards. [Tnx W1MCE]

23/12/2003: Vlad, UA4WHX, will be QRV December 23rd to 25th from Huahine Bui (IOTA OC-067, DIFO FO-004), French Polynesia. QSL to home call. [Tnx 425DXN]

25/12/2003: Look for Jo, DL1AB/p, to be QRV December 25, 2003, through January 2, 2004, from Baltrum Island (IOTA EU-047, DID reference N-06 for the German Island Award). Activity will be on 80 and 40 meter SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx F5NQL]

25/12/2003: Mark, VK2GND, will be QRV December 25th to 31st as VK9LD from Lord Howe (OC-004). Look for him on or around 14273 and 14195 kHz. QSL via VK2GND. [Tnx 425DXN]

28/12/2003: Ken, JA1CMD (N4XJ), will be QRV December 28th to January 2nd as VK9CA from Cocos-Keeling (OC-003). He will be active on 80 through 10 meter CW and SSB with 100 watts. QSL via JA1CMD or K4ST. [Tnx 425DXN]

28/12/2003: Pete, N2LM, will be active as ZF2PD on Grand Cayman Island (NA-016) from December 28th through January 8th. Activity will be 80 through 6 meter CW and SSB. Requests for QSL cards can be sent to his home callsign, N2LM. [Tnx OPDX]

30/12/2003: K4MCE (Mark) and N4KZ (Dave) will operate the special events station N4Z from St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands (IOTA NA-106), between December 30th and January 5th. Their activity will be on 160-6 meters SSB and CW. QSL via N4KZ (QRZ.com). [Tnx OPDX]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

12/01/2004: Marco, CE6TBN, plans to be active as CE6TBN/8 from Riesco Island (IOTA SA-031, DICE ICE-804) January 12th through 15th and from Wellington Island (IOTA SA-032, DICE ICE-802) January 17th through 20th. Activity will be on 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meter SSB, with monoband verticals antennas and TS-140. QSL via N1IBM (Morris E. Maze III, 847 Dolan St., Lanoka Harbor, New Jersey 08734, USA). [Tnx CE6TBN]

15/04/2004: Look for DL0IH to be QRV April 15th from Helgoland Duene (IOTA EU-127, DID reference N-15 for the German Islands Award) and lighthouse (ARLHS reference FED-102). Contacts will also be good for the Helgoland Award and the German Nordsea Island Award. QSL via operator's instructions. [Tnx DE0MST]

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QSL NEWS -

Alex (RW3RN) is QSL-manager for C4M (CQ WW DX Contest 2003).

Alex (RW3RN) is now the new QSL-manager for R3ARC/1 (26-29.2000), R1NWS (29-31.07.2000) for activity from Vorony Island and Nemetsky Kuzov

Island (both EU-147). He received the logs and about 2500 QSL's (bureau)
and 200 envelopes from the old QSL-manager.
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E-mail: rw3rn@tmb.ru
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73 and Good Hunting!
Dave Raycroft - VA3RJ
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